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Thomas White sentenced to 5-20 years in prison

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

Disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas White, 47, who pled no contest to 20 felony charges against him, on Friday morning was sentenced to 5 to 20 years in the Michigan prison system and was taken into custody to begin his term.

His sentence could have been 254 years, but White was not advised at the time of the plea agreement that his sentences on the charges could run consecutively rather than concurrently.

Retired Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dalton A. Roberson, who was on temporary duty with the court, said if he changed the sentencing to make the terms consecutive, he was afraid that White could withdraw his no-contest plea.

The highest sentence of 5-20 years was given for each of the first five charges in the second file involving conducting a criminal enterprise and four charges of embezzlement of \$100,000 or more.

White did not bring the \$900,000 restitution money to court that could have bought him a two-year sentence in the county jail under the plea agreement.

White will be able to apply for parole

after his minimum sentence is served, but the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office would oppose that.

Also, there are many victims who were not named in this case and new criminal cases could be filed against him if he is released, officials said.

Judge Roberson also ordered White to pay restitution of more than \$1.1 million to 14 victims, whose names were read by Assistant Prosecutor Trisha Gerard during the proceedings.

White's sentencing was scheduled for 9 a.m., but his defense attorney W. Otis Culpepper didn't show up until 10:30 a.m. and Culpepper accompanied White to face Judge Roberson just before 11 a.m.

Judge Roberson went over the sentencing guidelines from the probation department and Prosecutor Gerard said the ten victims stated, should be 25, since money White embezzled from several estates affected those who were due to inherit the money.

Prosecutor Gerard said the sentence for the first file was five to 20 years, referring to five charges of uttering and publishing, larceny by conversion, embezzlement by an agent or trustee, and two charges of identity theft that took \$73,800 from the



Thomas White, center rear, is escorted to the passage way to the jailhouse by a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy, as his attorney W. Otis Culpepper, at left, turns to other business and Judge Dalton A. Roberson continues his docket.

Jordan family in Belleville.

Those five charges were filed in Sept. 6, 2013, just before the statute of limitations was reached for the crime that took place Sept. 14, 2007.

The 15 other felonies were filed Dec. 18 2013 and the two cases were consolidated and ran through the system together with innumerable delays.

Defense attorney Culpepper disputed

the five to 20 years, saying it was 36 to 60 months. Prosecutor Gerard said they never agreed to that. Gerard was new on the case since the former Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Williams recently left the Prosecutor's Office to go into private practice.

She regularly referred to the written

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The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees interrupted its April 7 regular meeting to rise from their positions at the board table and come down to the floor of the meeting room to pose for a picture with Mrs. Michigan. From left are Trustee Phil Hart, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Mrs. Michigan Shaylett Stuckey, Treasurer Leon Wright, and Trustees Brenda McClanahan, Jeff Jahr, and Reggie Miller. Supervisor Linda Combs was absent.

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Local **Celebrity**

Shaylett Stuckey, 2015 Mrs. Michigan America and a resident of Van Buren Township, was honored by the VBT Board of Trustees at its April 7 regular meeting. She said she is working her way to the national Mrs. America contest with her jewelry business. The convention will be held in Sevastopol, Ukraine, a seaside port on the Crimean peninsula. She is seeking 10 local small businesses to donate \$100 each to be recognized as her sponsors. "I'll do the legwork and work to get to the convention," Stuckey said. "I'm so excited." Those wishing to donate to help her get to the competition can do so using her new GoFundMe page at http://www. gofundme/rc7urb3 . For more information email her at Shaylett@comcast.net.



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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board approves 1-year, 1% pay bonus for 5 unions

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The members of five collective bargaining units in the Van Buren Public Schools will get a 1% increase in pay for this school year only.

The total cost to the district is \$322,800.76.

The payout will be a lump sum on the last pay in April or May to catch up from July 1, 2014 to April 24, 2015 and then the 1% increase will be on the remaining checks of the school year.

At Monday's regular meeting the School Board approved four letters of agreement and one new contract ratification that reflected a 1% pay hike for employees.

This is not a raise, since the bargaining units all had salary cuts in the past to help with the district's budget problems.

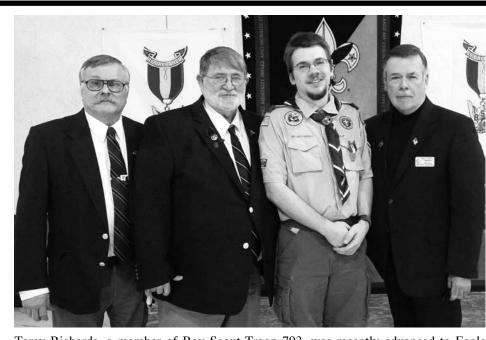
The bargaining units and amount the onetime bonus will cost the district are:

- Van Buren Food Service Association, a new bargaining unit whose membership approved the 2014-15 contract on March 19. Cost to district, \$4,962.70. Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green said they didn't do a two-year increase "not knowing the financial situation next year." School Supt. Michael Van Tassell said he is a little concerned about how low the income is in this department and he doesn't have a good idea of what the income will be next year. Van Tassel also said with the health food required, "Kids aren't running to buy that food. I hope the kids get used to that and move forward";
- Van Buren Education Association, \$233,965.28 cost to district. Green said the district had better finances than they thought they would for the 2014-15 year. This is in addition to the increase ratified June 3. Trustee Sherry Frasier said the teachers got a 7% salary cut previously and the board is committed to getting them back where they should be;
- Van Buren Educational Support Team, \$49,100.57. This is in addition to the increase ratified on Feb. 9 of 1% for this school year and 1% for next school year. Van Tassel said the letter of agreement falls in the union language, implying the board didn't really have to vote on these
- Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Association, \$21,973.62. This will be a lump sum on the last pay in May with the remaining checks of the school year carrying the 1%;
- Van Buren Association of Educational Secretaries, \$12,798.59. This is in addition to the increase ratified Aug. 11.

In other business at Monday's meeting,

the board:

- Approved purchasing two, 47-passenger special education buses to replace two buses that are 12 years old. Cost is \$157,676 from Hoekstra Transportation. The purchase, for cash, is part of the district's bus replacement plan put in place in 2012;
- Approved spending up to \$657,651.50 of Sinking Fund money to replace the Owen Intermediate School boiler as soon as classes are out for the summer. Bids were awarded to Allied Building Services of Detroit as the mechanical contractor for \$562,140; to ETC for abatement design and monitoring, \$3,775; and Global Green Service Group for asbestos removal, \$22,450. The contractors equal \$588,365 and then the 10% contingency is figured;
- Heard Eric Dumont of Plante Moran CRESA say McBride needs to be reevaluated after the May Sinking Fund election. The boiler could be replaced if there is Sinking Fund money to do it. He said, "We don't want to drop those funds below the emergency line" by doing McBride now, even though it needs it;
- Approved using \$67,231.28 in Sinking Funds to replace exterior signage at Edgemont, McBride, and Rawsonvile. Out of five bids, the contract was awarded to Valley City Signs for a bid of \$53,461.98, plus 10% contingency and existing sign demolition of \$5,000;
- Approved using \$13,400 in Sinking Funds to hire Hennessey Engineers to come up with a plan for traffic flow at Rawsonville School. A 20% contingency is included in the \$16,080 total, for soil boring and other things. "Hennessey works with Belleville and knows the issues here," Dumond said. The Hennessey bid was \$23,000 lower than the next higher of the five bidders. Dumond said Hennessey doesn't include working with the road and drain commission because he won't have to. "We've worked with Washtenaw County before and it's not pretty," said board vice president Martha Toth;
- Approved leasing the 14 tillable acres on Denton Road between Mott and Geddes in Canton Township to Alfred Block for \$125 per acre for 2015, 2016, and 2017, with an option for renewal, in the amount of \$1,750 per year for a total of \$5,250 for three years. The agreement said the payments of \$1,750 will be due on March 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017. James Williams, director of plant operations for the district, said multiple parties were interested in leasing the property, so he required sealed bids and Block was the high bidder;
- Heard a presentation by McBride Middle School Principal John Leroy, Laura Maher



Torey Richards, a member of Boy Scout Troop 793, was recently advanced to Eagle Rank. His Eagle project included tasks at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Hall #4434 at 44170 Bemis Road in Van Buren Township. Troop and family members helped paint two wooden porch and ramp entrances, painted the picnic pavilion, and installed horseshoe pits on the premises. Torey was recognized March 28 with an Eagle Court banquet at St. Anthony's in Belleville. Out-of-town guests included Torey's aunt and uncle Donna and Boyd Wherry from Darby, Montana. Boyd Wherry sang and played his guitar. Proud parents are Wayne and Norma Richards of Belleville. Torey is the second Eagle Scout in the Richards' household. VFW members posed with Torey for a picture. From left are Ross Medos, George Kennedy, Torey, and Robert Krouse.

and Rod Fisher on programs to increase student achievement:

- Accepted teachers terminating their employment for retirement: Susan Pinter, Savage, 13 years as of June 30; Kim Fairchild, McBride, 31 years as of March 31; Katherine Jones, Owen, 10 years, as of Aug. 20; and Pamela Ray, Savage, 35 years, as of June 30. "Another one bites the dust in the middle of the year," said Trustee Frazier referring to Fairchild, asking if a permanent sub was put in place. Green said the position was an "interventionist" and the district has it covered;
- Heard Trustee Kelly Owen report that the German, French, and Spanish clubs went to Monaco over spring break and had a great time;
- Heard Supt. Van Tassel explain how he has been promoting information on the Sinking Fund ballot proposal on May 5;
- Was informed that at next Monday's work/study session, Van Tassel will give an update on the November fire and the insurance and Diane Kullis will give an update on 31A and other title money; and
- Heard Frazier voice her concerns about the phone policy at Belleville High School. She said the students' phones are very expensive some \$500 to \$600 and the students don't want to relinquish them to teachers. She said some teachers have a drop box at the door for the phones. She asked for an update on whether phones are allowed. Van Tassel said she would get an update.

New VBT resident finds his home's property is zoned Commercial

David Woodward, 51257 W. Huron River Drive, wanted to build a garage on his new home site, but when he went to the Van Buren Township offices to get a permit, he got a surprise.

He said when he purchased the property all his paperwork said the 0.55 acre is Residential, but he found the previous owner had rezoned it to Commercial.

Woodward said the neighbors told him it's always been a home.

Woodward told his story at an April 8 public hearing before the VBT Planning Commission to get his property rezoned Residential.

His home is just east of the Rite Aid shopping center.

Jack Knowles, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, said the township master plan has the property as Residential and it is surrounded on the south and east by Residential properties.

"We'll investigate the records," said planning consultant Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates. "There was discussion of this property when the strip center was built."

"We'll try to get it straightened out," commission chairperson Carol Thompson told Woodward, noting the commission seldom makes a decision on an issue the same night as the public hearing.

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Editorial

Library Board to release report on survey results

From 1 to 3 p.m. this Saturday, the Belleville Area District Library Board will celebrate the district library's fifth birthday along with National Library Week.

It's an open house at the library and you're invited.

Library board member Joy Cichewicz, who put together a long, long survey on what people think about the library and what they want for it, will give a report on the survey results.

She gave her report to the library board on Tuesday. There are 17,000 library card holders at the district library and 831 people filled out surveys -- including some who don't have library cards.

The data is somewhat skewed, Cichewicz said, because of questions that call for two responses, so that percentages don't add up to 100%. And, those filling out the survey could skip questions they didn't like.

The results will be discussed Saturday. They include how most respondents wanted the library to stay where it is or in that same downtown area - and be expanded or rebuilt. But there needs to be a lot more parking. Most weren't interested in a satellite library in Sumpter Township. And, there were lots of strong comments,

Come to Saturday's party at the library. Listen to an ensemble from the BHS Jazz Band, eat some cake, and listen to the survey results. Could be interesting.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

A reader said she was looking through last week's paper and decided to call us to tell us how badly Belleville needs a grocery store.

She said she has nothing against Meijer and Walmart, but they are so large.

I agreed, saying if I want a half-gallon of milk I don't want to walk all the way to the back of the store to get that one item.

Our caller said she likes to shop at Aldi Foods where there are very low prices and good merchandise, but there should be a closer Aldi.

She said an employee at the Aldi in Westland told her the owners of Aldi are in Germany and among the most-wealthy people in the country. They put their brand on good products and price them very low to serve the public.

I looked it up and learned Karl and Theo Albrecht started their first store in Essen in 1946 and perfected the limited assortment grocery store with no frills. There stores now are located around the world.

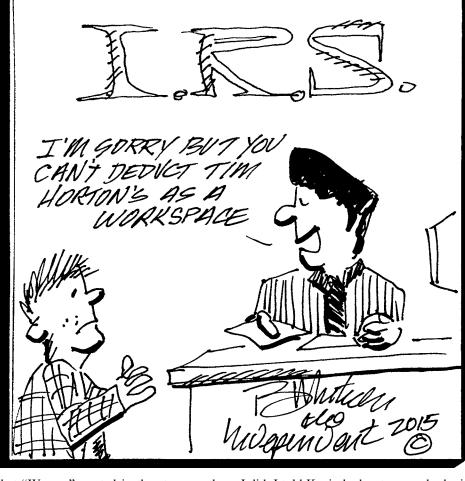
People bring their own bags, pay a deposit on carts that they get back when they return the carts (doing away with having to hire someone to gather the carts), and have no store telephone number so they don't have to hire someone to answer the phone.

Well, sounds like an Aldi Food store would be good here. The lady said the old Farmer Jack is perfect to be a grocery store

Although it is nice that Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks are coming, what we really need is a grocery store, she said.

Jim Wagner called to ask me who was

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



that "Wagner" quoted in the story on the Visteon bonds that started on page one last week. Good question. After looking over the story, I found that I had referred to attorney Nathaniel Watson as "Wagner." I don't know why I made that error, but I did - twice. Darn it!

Jim Wagner said he couldn't figure out who "Wagner" was in the story, so he went back and read it again to find out who this guy was that was making comments on the bonds.

I'm glad we've got people like Jim Wagner reading our paper and letting me know if something is awry.

On Monday we got a telephone call from a man wanting to know where James Forrest Chapman is incarcerated. He was sent to jail for six months for trespassing and contempt of court, but he's not in the Wayne County Jail.

We found him in the Clare County Jail in Harrison, MI, 'way up north.

On Monday, when the School Board was getting ready to vote on a 1% bonus for members of the Van Buren Education Association, Treasurer Kevin English said, "I abstain."

You can't do that. You have to say why you are abstaining (and some governmental bodies vote on whether your reason is worthy before allowing an abstention). Well, since nobody on the board objected, I did. I told Kevin he has to say why he is abstaining.

He said he might as well announce it now that he is engaged to marry a teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools and that could be construed as a conflict of interest.

Then, Trustee Sherry Frazier abstained on the vote for the support staff bonus, explaining at once that her son is an employee in that bargaining unit and her vote could be a conflict of interest.

After the school district's Director of Human Resources Shonta Langford-Green announced the job fair she was putting on in the BHS Commons on April 15, she told about all the places she had advertised to alert teachers to the event. She named newspapers in Ann Arbor, Livonia, Canton, and other areas.

Trustee Sherry Frazier asked her if she advertised in the Independent and she said she didn't. Sherry said she thought local teachers should be informed of the opportunity here.

Earlier, Shonta had explained they wanted to have previously approved candidates on hand in case teachers quit during the

summer or at the beginning of school.

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Letters

Boy Scout needs funds for his wigwam project

To the Editor and Area Residents:

My name is Nathan Vinarcik and I am a Van Buren Township resident and Life Scout (Troop 237, New Boston) working on my Eagle Scout Project.

I will be constructing a wigwam this June at the Oakwoods Metropark. The wigwam will be built from authentic, on-site materials and should provide many years of service to the park for its demonstrations.

This week-long endeavor will involve volunteers and park staff under my leadership. I will be assisted by Jessica Diemer-Eaton, an expert from the Woodland Indian Educational Programs.

I chose the park as the beneficiary of my project because the Metropark system has been a major part of my Scout life. I have earned many merit badges because of the help given to me by the parks and have enjoyed many family outings there, too.

In order to complete the wigwam, I need to raise over \$2,000 in cash and in-kind services to bring in Mrs. Diemer-Eaton from Indiana and support the volunteers constructing the wigwam.

Anonymous donors are matching all cash contributions (\$0.20 per \$1 donated, up to \$1,000) and any individual donor giving \$50 or more will be recognized on a plaque or other permanent marker placed at Oakwoods.

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National Day of Prayer is first Thursday in May

To the Editor:

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This year, our local, tri-community event will be celebrated on Thursday, May 7, at Victory Station, 5 Points, Belleville, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

In 1988, a bill was introduced to Congress which fixed the annual National Day of Prayer at the first Thursday in May. The Senate Bill S1378 was introduced with broad non-partisan sponsorship and support and was signed into law by President Reagan on May 5, 1988. He commented: "On our National Day of Prayer, then, we join together as people of many faiths to petition God to show us His mercy and His love, to heal our weariness and uphold our hope that we might live mindful of His justice and thankful for His blessing."

throughout our great nation --- if ever there was a time for earnest and thoughtful prayer, it is NOW! One needs only to listen to one hour of TV or radio news, or to read one daily newspaper, to witness the prevailing dangers to our freedoms and liberty, actively spewing death and destruction, both within and outside our borders. Our nation is in urgent need of strong, wise, and Godly leadership.

Let us join together in both patriotic song and prayer for our nation and our leaders – both nationally and locally. Our theme this year is: LORD, HEAR OUR CRY.

"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day." (1 Kings 8:28)

If you haven't SUNG "God Bless America" lately – NOW is the time!

If you haven't PRAYED for America – NOW is the time!
Thank you,

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker, Belleville

Harbour Club Ladies Golf League under way

To the Editor:

Re: Harbour Club Ladies Golf League

Whether you are new or experienced at golf, please consider signing up to play 18 weeks this spring and summer with our Harbour Club Ladies Golf League.

We play 9 holes each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., starting May 6 and concluding Sept. 2. \$144 covers green fees for all 18 weeks, and \$54 provides prizes, refreshments, and awards.

We enjoy social activities such as a pizza party and get-togethers for dinner. Harbour Club Golf Course also provides us with a bucket of practice balls each week, and golf clinics to help us understand rules and to improve our games.

Please call Donna at (734) 546-6653 or Dee at (734) 277-4234 for more information. Dee Crowe, Van Buren Township

2015 Strawberry Queen Pageant seeking entrants by April 30 deadline

A dozen applications are being sought for the Belleville Strawberry Queen Pageant by the April 30 deadline.

This year's Queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a trophy, and gifts. Second and third runners-up will each receive a \$500 scholarship and gifts.

Each entrant must be a resident of the Belleville area, be single and between the ages of 16 and 20. The applicant must compete in a dance performance by the entire group, perform their talent, model evening wear, and answer questions presented by the moderator.

The pageant will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 19, at the Belleville High School Auditorium.

The first 12 qualified applicants who complete an entry form and send in a recent picture will be entered in the contest.

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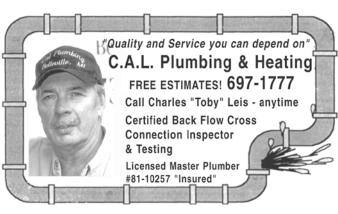
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Thomas White

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transcript of the plea agreement to make sure she was getting it right.

Judge Roberson asked if any victims were going to speak and she said there were three attorneys of victims that wished to speak. [Actually, there were two victims who had planned to speak, but they failed to let the prosecutor know of their intentions and so were not asked to come forward.]

Attorney Jeffrey M. Frank

Jeffrey M. Frank of Alber Crafton Attorneys said his firm represents Western Surety Company and two of White's victims had their estate money insured by that firm. He said White put the money in his account and "stole it within weeks."

He said White left both victims with substantial attorney fees.

"We listened to lies after lies," Frank said. He said Charlotte Devine lost \$97,000 and her son got zero inheritance money. White put \$129,000 of the Low's money into his client account and ultimately stole it, Frank

He said not only did they lose the money, but now they are obliged to repay the insurance company.

"It was a calculated scheme that lasted for years," Frank said, adding that White took his family on a vacation to Alaska and has been seen around town dining out and paying the check for large family groups.

"This is why attorneys have a bad name," Frank said referring to White's actions. He asked Judge Roberson to impose the maximum sentence.

Attorney Aaron Silvenis

Aaron Silvenis, who grew up in Belleville and now is an attorney with Cohen, Lerner, Rabinowitz, stood to read a prepared statement, but when he mentioned other victims that were not a part of these cases, Culpepper objected and Judge Roberson asked him to stick to the victims in these two cases.

Silvenis said his law firm represents the Gallaway family whose entire inheritance in excess of \$300,000 was stolen by Thomas White.

"For reasons that my clients do not understand, the prosecutor's office did not include their claims as part of the criminal proceeding even though it was the Gallaway family that was responsible for uncovering the misconduct of Thomas White," Silvenis said, noting he also represents a host of other victims whose monies have been stolen by White and whose lives have been torn apart by his conduct.

"When a thief who is not an attorney is caught stealing from someone or robbing a store, they get a lengthy term to serve," Silvenis said. "Here, Mr. White has stolen millions and destroyed lives that will never recover. His crimes far outweigh the amounts taken in a dollar store robbery or a larceny from a person's home.

"In the case of one of my clients, the money that she had relied on from her house closing and which were to pay for

her assisted living obligations were taken from her, leaving her penniless and without the means to pay for her assisted living," Silvenis said.

"All of the victims here understand that by putting Mr. White in prison, they will stand to receive nothing financially from him unless funds can be located. While they have not given up the hope that someday the missing funds will be located and accounted for, they have come to the realization that their only relief will come from the knowledge that Mr. White pays for his crime by long-term incarceration. This isn't a matter of revenge. It is a matter of fairness. If Mr. White had any intention of being forthcoming, he would have revealed his finances long ago and he would have stopped his binge at the victims' expense.

"As it is, he continues to live with his two sons, conveniently divorced his wife - although they get together weekly for family meals - and he rents a house and lives just as he had before with no real loss

"We ask this Court to exercise its discretion and exceed the sentencing guidelines in this matter owing to the heinous nature of Mr. White's conduct.

"He preyed on average, everyday people. He used his law degree as a cloak for his misconduct. He betrayed the trust of his office and he betrayed the trust of each of the victims as a human being.

"This Court must hold him to a higher degree of culpability than an average layman who is a defendant. Mr. White knew the law. His knowledge allowed him to manipulate these people. Don't allow

him to manipulate this Court as it hands down its sentence," Silvenis concluded.

Attorney John Badeen

Attorney John Badeen said he was representing Alisa Renier and the estate of her mother Eileen Kuchta. The loss was \$223,000 plus. He said White requested the original records "so no one could do the math."

He read a statement by Renier on the dishonest attorney who was a personal friend of her father. "We trusted him."

Renier said White took advantage of her grieving after her mother's death and her confusion over the legalities since she was executor. "Mr. White hugged me and took me out to

did required her to hire two attorneys and she's been using her own retirement funds She said if restitution is ordered, she'll

lunch," Renier wrote. She said what White

have to reopen her mother's estate to claim the funds.

"Shame on him," she concluded. "Shame, shame."

Assistant Prosecutor Trisha Gerard

Assistant Prosecutor Trisha Gerard said it's because of lawyers like Thomas White that there are all those jokes about

"I still remember when I took an oath and got my law license," Gerard said. "We don't steal. We take an oath not to injure our clients."

She said White has stolen from his clients over and over again.

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Obituaries

ROSE MARY OSTROWSKI

(October 7, 1913 – April 12, 2015) Age 101, of Newport News, VA and formerly of Belleville. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, following visitation

SUSAN E. HARCAS

(October 29, 1930 – April 13, 2015)

from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Age 84 of Belleville, died at the Gilbert Residence. Survived by daughters Diane (Bob) Pinter and Deborah Brownlee; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren. Service was April 15 at Janowiak Funeral Home.



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"He's the poster child for a bad attorney," Gerard said.

She said the small town of Belleville is, "quite frankly, Mayberry RFD" where people know each other on the street and trust each other.

"He took that trust and used it as a weapon against them," Gerard said, adding if there was a reason he did what he did, they don't know, other than "flat-out greed."

She said White can "promise and promise and promise" to give the money back, but he won't.

She said that knowing he has to suffer in prison the victims finally can close their eyes at night and sleep. She called his incarceration, "partial justice."

She, too, asked for the maximum

That's when Judge Roberson said he should have told White the sentences could run consecutively instead of concurrently. "I didn't know," he said.

"I'm appalled that was not brought up," Gerard said, referring to the transcript.

Defense attorney Culpepper said people want revenge and, "Mr. White will never practice law again, never."

Culpepper said, "He no longer is one of us ... That is a very damaging thing to a human being ... The biggest part of the punishment has been meted out."

Then, he said his client wished to speak.

Thomas White

Confessed embezzler Thomas White rose to address the judge and the courtroom.

"I disagree with very little of what was said," he said referring to the statements on behalf of the victims.

"I am embarrassed and ashamed," he continued. "I regret many of the things I did. I hurt family and friends. I apologize to each and every one of them."

He begged the court for mercy and said he hoped after a period of incarceration, he can get out and spend the rest of his years trying to fix what he broke.

"I apologize to everyone in the courtroom, to Your Honor and every one of the victims," White said, noting that one of the victims in the courtroom that morning is a Vietnam veteran.

Then, Girard read the proposed sentences

for each of the 20 felonies. Judge Roberson said, "I didn't tell him he was facing consecutive terms." He said it was too late to tell him now.

Then, the restitution order was read listing 14 names and amounts, totaling in excess of \$1,145,261.

Vivian Jackson stood up in the back of the courtroom and said she should have been on that list.

Gerard said they will speak to Michigan State Police Det./Sgt. Joseph White on the matter after court.

(Jackson told the *Independent* earlier that her life is in upheaval because White handled her divorce and she never got the divorce papers. She said she doesn't know if she's divorced or not. Also, the IRS is after her because of White's activities with her money.)

A court officer escorted White out of the courtroom to the Wayne County Jail, where he was to be transferred to the Michigan Department of Corrections prison system.

Culpepper said he opposes all the restitutions, noting, "I can't review them if I don't object."

FMAR fund raiser is Cinco de Mayo at Ypsilanti Eagles Lodge

A Cinco de Mayo fund raiser for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue will be held May 2 at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Rd., Ypsilanti 48198.

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- Tuesday, April 21 Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 22 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30
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- Monday, May 4 Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5 Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 11 Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Tyler Elementary School



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Soccer games start this weekend in VBT

To the Editor and Soccer Members.

Once again, thank you for registering for the upcoming Spring 2015 Soccer Season. We are so excited to get the soccer season going. We would like to thank the coaches, parents, families, and players for all the support within our community and helping us keep our soccer program going.

All games will start this weekend April 18. All game schedules are posted on our website for you to view.

The Pride Development Program will begin at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on the 18th. It will consist of 45 minutes of fundamental drills, dribbling, and running, and then 45 minutes of players scrimmaging. There are 2 coaches for this program; you will meet them on Saturday the 18th.

If players have not received their jersey, they can be picked up on Saturday at the concessions stand after 9 a.m. We will have shorts, socks, and jerseys.

Some news we would like to share:

- We have added 2 fields to Quirk Park a U8, U9, U10 field and another U6 field. We are looking forward to filling up the space.
- We are still awaiting our 501c3. Should be any day!
- Concession stand will be open for business this Saturday April 18. We will have packaged foods and you will be able to purchase your spirit wear. We will be able to

take credit cards, too!

- We bought new nets for the U13/U14 field and for the U8-U10 field. We are making good changes to our fields. Hats off to our Field Maintenance Crew!
- Our fundraiser was a HUGE success. Thank you again for everyone who donated, supported, and participated. Overall we raised a total of \$1,879 that will go right back to the club and we also helped teams raise \$1,376 in basket raffles. HUGE
- Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m.-midnight RELAY FOR LIFE. Please sign up and walk with us. We would like to hit the goal of \$1,000, so please register!

If you still currently owe for the Spring 2015 season, please make sure payments are made by Saturday April 18. All payments must be received by then for your child to continue to play.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns, we are here to help and always looking for suggestions. If you see a fellow VBCS player, family, or member around,

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Birch said she has put up a GoFundMe account on the internet to raise funds for a reclining lift chair and sleep number, adjustable bed to make her father more comfortable. She said the doctors said he has four months to live without radiation.

She said her father, age 65, is worrying about paying his bills.



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- Friday, April 17 There's a big Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, (734) 453-5464, ext. 22. You can rent a table for \$20 and sell your own stuff. Proceeds help support the "Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group"
- Saturday, April 18 -Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, is hosting a qualifying round of Robofest from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Competition is free and open to the public. Ten teams competing come from St. Clair, Monroe, Canton, Novi, Detroit, and Windsor.
- Saturday, April 18 Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, is holding its 5th-annual Free-Style event, where gently used clothing is given away free to anyone, no questions asked. It's in the church basement from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until all items are gone. Clothing, clothing accessories, shoes and purses accepted as donations until April 5.

- Saturday, April 18 Everyone's invited to celebrate National Library Week and the District Library's fifth anniversary from 1 to 3 p.m. at an open house at the library. There will be a short presentation on the library survey results, new board members will be on hand, and there will be food, games, and music by the BHS Jazz Band.
- Sunday, April 19 Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners in the Abbott Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. FREE, but donations accepted to help. Your Pugs will love you for their new social life! www. meetup.com/semichiganpugs
- Monday, April 20 The monthly meeting of the Belleville Area Garden Club begins at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Church Street. Speaker is Keith Bruder, local landscape architect.
- Monday, April 20 You're invited to the City of Romulus' first-ever "Eco-Fair" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road. Local organizations will be on hand to pass out environmental information and giveaways, including Belleville Area Garden Club, DTE, Waste Management highlighting Romulus' new recycling system that will start in July, the Wayne County Conservation District, and
- Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 - September Days Senior Center Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.
 - Friday, April 24 Belleville Band

Boosters want to fill Lodge Lanes to help the band purchase instruments, instrument repair, sheet music, computer software, uniforms and more. The Boosters made a \$17,000 donation towards the BHS Symphony Band's Carnegie Hall trip last month, so they are working toward replenishing their general fund. 7 p.m., check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. \$20 per person. Food, bowling, raffles. Info: Amy Pearce (734) 787-8890

• Saturday, April 25 – Mom-2-Mom &

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at **7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider a request to rezone the following described property:

Parcel tax ID number V-125-83-039-99-0009-014, which is currently vacant, is the subject property of this hearing. The parcel measures approximately 3.4 acres. This property is located on the north side of Tyler Road between Belleville Road to the west and Walden Boulevard to the east.



The Charter Township of Van Buren is the petitioner for this rezoning action. The Public Hearing is in regards to amending the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, Zoning Map by rezoning the subject property from C-1 (General Business) to R-1B (Single-Family Residential).

Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given, that a Special Election will be held in this county Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at which time the following will be voted upon:

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The proposed constitutional amendment would: Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads. Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF). Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities. Give effect to laws, including those that: Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment. Increase gasoline/diesel fuel and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes. Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects. Increase earned income tax credit. Should this proposal be adopted? Yes or No.

Van Buren Public Schools Millage proposal building and site sinking fund tax levy. Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to ley not to exceed 1.13 mills (\$1.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would renew the sinking fund levy presiously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$1,715,961 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority. Yes or No.

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, November 3, 2009, 1 mill; thru 2019; Wayne County Jail August 7, 2012 1 mill, 2021. Wayne County Parks November 2, 2010 0.25 mills 2015. Wayne County Community College November 6, 2008 1.25 mill, 2020 November 6, 2012 1 mill; Sumpter Township May 3, 2011, 1 mill 2015, August 3, 2010, 3 mills 2015; Huron Township School District November 2011 18 mills, 2017 (non-homestead only). Lincoln Consolidated Schools November 2012, 18 mills 2018 (non-homestead only) November 2012 .1 mills 2018. Van Buren School District November 2011, 18 mills 2016 (nonhomestead only), November 2008, 1.13 mills 2015. Airport Community Schools, May 2013, 18 mills, 2018 (non-homestead only).

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday May 2, 2015 from 9 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day is he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1.3 Sumpter Community Center

23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)

Precinct 2, Moose Lodge

45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)

Precinct 4 & 6 Fire Station #1

20550 Sumpter Rd. Bessie Hoffman School Precinct 5

50700 Willow

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

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TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Primary Election to be held on August 5, 2014 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

The Public Accuracy Test will be held on April 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. 23480 Sumpter Road Belleville, MI 48111

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Publish: April 16, 2015



Sumpter Township Public Notice



The Township of Sumpter is seeking sealed bids for labor and material for a 70' x 75' addition to the parking lot in Banotai Park. Specifications may be picked up at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sealed bids are due in the Township Clerks Office no later than April 23, 2015 at 4:30 pm. Bids will be opened on April 24, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Publish: April 9, & 16, 2015

Sumpter Township sets 2015 Cutest Baby Boy, **Baby Girl Contest**

The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its 2015 Cutest Baby Boy and Baby Girl Contest on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-25, as part of the annual Sumpter Country Fest.

The contest is open to residents in Sumpter and surrounding communities. Babies from newborn through 3 years of age are eligible. To enter a child, submit a picture up to 5x7 inches in size with an application form to Sumpter Township Hall, Attn: Baby Contest, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 (734-461-6201).

Applications are requested as soon as possible, but no later than May 22, 2015.

Application forms are available at the township hall and numerous business places throughout the area, including the office of the Belleville-Area Independent. 152 Main Street, Suite 9, Belleville.

If you have questions about the contest or would like to have an application form mailed to you, call Virginia Belinski at (734) 461-6630.

Library Survey results to be announced at Saturday's open house

The results of the recent Library Survey will be announced at the Saturday, April 18, Open House at the Belleville Area District Library. The 1-3 p.m. event will celebrate National Library Week along with the fifth-year anniversary of the Belleville Area District Library. New board members will be on hand and there will be a short presentation on the survey results. Also featured are food, games, and music provided by the Belleville High School Jazz Band.

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VBT Fire Department to conduct Citizens Fire Academy class

The Van Buren Township Fire Department will conduct its third Citizen's Fire Academy class beginning this month.

The nine-week Academy meets 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday nights from April 30 through June 13 including three Saturday classes (May 2, June 6 and June 13 - 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.).

It affords participants the opportunity to learn the tactics and strategies involved in firefighting and rescue operations through both classroom and hands-on sessions.

Highlights of the class include live fire training and the opportunity to "work" a shift and ride-along on emergency calls.

The Citizens Fire Academy is open to anyone 18 or older who lives or works in Van Buren Township and has no prior felony convictions. A routine police background check is part of the selection process. Classes are limited to 20 students and the cost for the program is FREE.

An application may be obtained at:

• VBT Fire Station #1 (45400 Hull Road);

• VBT Fire Station #2 (7981 Belleville Road); and

• VBT Police Station (46425 Tyler Road).

All applications must be returned to Fire Station 1 or 2 by Friday April 17, 2015. Spots are limited, so register as soon as possible. For questions or more information email Battalion Chief Ron Folks at rfolks@vanburen-mi.org or Fire Chief Daniel Besson at dbesson@vanburen-mi.org or 734-699-8916.

"You can observe a lot just by watching."

- Yogi Berra

Notice to Advertisers:

The Belleville-Area Independent will not be liable for failure to publish an ad as requested or for more than one incorrect insertion of an advertisement. In the event of any error or omission in printing or publication of an advertisement, you must notify us within five days of publication or on the date of insertion, if an ad is scheduled as part of a package, so there is time to correct subsequent publications. The Independent's liability shall be limited to an adjustment for the cost of the space occupied by the error with a maximum liability being cancellation of the cost of the first incorrect advertisement or republication of the corrected advertisement. Under no circumstances shall the Independent be liable for consequential damages of any kind.

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Case 590 4x4 Backhoe
Ext. Hoe, Antique Vehicles,
Vintage Gas Station Items,
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See ad in today's paper or
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& Brad Neuhart Auctioneers



J&M Towing Auction SATURDAY, 5/2/15 @ 10am 8964 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI

Restored 1929 Ford Model A, JD 450 dozer, JD 310 backhoe, Lots of tools, Retro Furniture, MORE. See www.rolloandbrad.com for pics and info.

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INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



HELP WANTED

LOCAL TENT COMPANY is looking for summer help. Work available starting in May and running through August. Please complete the online application at www.DeluxTents.com 5/7

HANDYMAN TO REPAIR manufactured homes in manufactured community. Send resume to: P.O. Box 85530, Westland, MI 48185

LOOKING FOR MATURE staff at daycare center. Teachers and assistants. Experienced preferred. E-mail resume: collinsbc777@yahoo.com

HELP WANTED



McDonald's Franchisee Seeking Quality Crew & Managers to fill Immediate hourly positions (fast food experience a plus). Open interviews every Tuesday 3-5pm. Apply online at www.mcmichigan.com/18650

> 5550 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 734.572.1452

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PART-TIME on-site Maintenance. Own tools required. \$12-\$15/hour. Prior experience desirable. Inquires to: Carrie Martin (734) 459-5440 or cmartin@herriman.net.

COLLISION REPAIR TECH wanted for body shop in Belleville. Plenty of work. Mon-Fri. Pay based on experience benefits. Call (734) 699-3641.

HELP WANTED

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Call (248) 437-7535 New Hudson Email resume to: recruiter questserv.org

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INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

BOTTLE DRIVE

SAVAGE ELEM. CUB SCOUT PACK #924 bottle drive, Saturday, April 25, 10am-5pm, Frosty Boy Parking Lot 4/23

GARAGE/YARD SALE

RAIN OR SHINE. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 16th, 17th and 18th, 10 am until ???. 46100 Bemis Rd, Belleville 4/16

MOVING SALE. Fri & Sat, April 17-18, 9936 Lancaster Dr in 9am-3pm. Andover Farm Sub, Belleville. Like new Honda self-propelled lawn mower, Toro electric start snow blower, Ryobi table saw, Ryobi drill press, misc. hand tools. Some furniture. All must go.

HAVEN'T HAD A SALE IN 18 YEARS. 16471 Martinsville. April 16, 17, 18 -9am-5pm. Yard tools, household, antiques, building supplies, formal prom/gowns (sizes 6-20).

MOVED, DOWNSIZING. Appliances, shelving, equip, furniture, Casio Piano, moving supplies. Call between 10am-3pm. (734) 516-0600.

MOVING SALE 3 FAMILIES. April 18-19, 9am-6pm. 45924 Bontekoe, Belleville. Household items, crafts, furniture/décor, tools. Make an offer - everything must go.

ESTATE SALE. April 24-26, 9am-5pm. 44069 Wear Road. 3 pc. dining room set, collectibles, organ, desks, etc. Come early for better selection.

FOR SALE

HAY FOR SALE Round Bales Only. Leave Message. 734-587-2344

ALL COMPLETE 550 remainders. New items for our store with tag/without. Sorry no sale for single item. Clothes, shoes, purses, miscellaneous. Looking for Best offer. (734) 697-2705

2007 HARLEY DAVIDSON Dyna Super Glide Custom, 14K, detachable windshield, backrest, saddle bags. Newer battery/tires, black/chrome. Two travel bags included. \$7,300 (734) 697-7501 4/30

ATTN: STAINED GLASS ARTISTS. Selling off all supplies. Glass, art glass, tools & patterns: Taurus saw, irons, cutters, solder. Take as whole package, make a reasonable offer or purchase by piece. (586) 883-3508.

FOR SALE

BEAUTIFUL SOLID-OAK BED, 6'x3' mirror w/moveable pedestals on each side, bed board 10' wide. Paid \$2,250 asking \$800 OBO. (734) 787-9710.

TWIN LAZYBOY SLEEPER, matching chair/ottoman (sleeper never used). Two occasional chairs, six tables, plant stand, sofa table, small chest, cedar chest. (734) 664-4475

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

1999 Fleetwood. 28'x60' in Holiday Needs walls painted/carpet cleaned. 3bdr/2bath + computer room. All appliances stay. Nice Home. \$17,000. (734) 219-1054.

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Joy Road between Middlebelt and Inkster *WAC, Certain restrictions apply.

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WANTED - SMALL CONTAINERS of Shampoo, Toothpaste, etc. to take to homeless in Detroit. Drop off at Bladez's, 601 E. Huron River Dr. (734) 697-5600

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Atchinson Ford is holding its grand opening of Quick Lane Center today, April 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at their dealership on Belleville Road. The public is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce beginning at 10 a.m. Call (734) 865-5265.

Today's paper features the official entry blank form for this year's Strawberry Festival Queen, which will be selected on Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. The form has all the rules, where to mail it. The queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, trophy and gifts. Runners up will get \$500 scholarships and gifts.

Doug Dalton Auctioneer of Belleville is holding his monthly Estate Antique Auction tomorrow, April 17, beginning at 7 p.m. with previews at 4 p.m. at the Romulus Progressive Hall in Romulus. See their ad in today's paper for lots of descriptions and photos and see much more at wwwdougdaltonauctioneer.com

St. Pauls' Lutheran Church in nearby New Boston is gearing up for its 2015 Spring Indoor Flea Market April 23-25. Proceeds go to the ladies' and men's clubs. See the ad in today's paper for a list of times.

Gerry's Small Engine Repair of nearby Willis repairs lawn tractors, lawn mowers, garden equipment and other small construction equipment. They remind you to check for mice nests if you're starting your tractors and mowers up for the first time. It can cause damage. Gerry serves all of Belleville, and Van Buren and Sumpter townships. Call (734) 461-0158.

The chicks and ducklings are in at the Willis Feed Mill. They also carry a wide variety of garden seed, lawn seed, and lawn-care products. The Mill also sells Michigan products: Dog and cat food, bird feed, certified organic products, poultry food, horse and livestock feed. See their ad in today's paper for open hours and call (734) 461-1111.

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The Belleville Cougars Football & Cheer teams are holding walk-in registration for the upcoming 2015 season on April 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College Western Campus on Haggerty Road. Registration forms are available at www. bellevillecougars.com.

With the planning of Sumpter Fest and Strawberry Festival under way, our advertising prices for both festival books are now available and I'll be making as many rounds as I can to reach customers. Watch this column for information. I can email or fax the rates over to you, too, or you can stop by the office at 152 Main Street during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



City of Belleville Public Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

> 1997 DODGE, TWO-DOOR, VIN: 1B3ES42Y8VD278981 1997 FORD, TWO DOOR, VIN: 1FALP62W0VH119498 1996 BUICK, FOUR-DOOR, VIN: 1G4CW52K3TH641359

APRIL 13, 2015 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT DATE:

6 MAIN STREET

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BY LISA LONG, CITY CLERK

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 188 of 1954 Proceedings NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land who se property constitutes more than 72% of the total lineal foot frontage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to rehabilitate and improve the streets of Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt and to create a special assessment for the purpose of raising funds for 20% of the construction cost (the balance of funding coming from Wayne County) and Township administrative costs by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described in the map and includes parcels:

> 83 086 99 0012 001; 83 086 99 0028 002; 83 086 99 0029 000; 83 086 99 0040 000; 83 086 99 0041 000; 83 086 99 0042 000; 83 086 99 0043 000; 83 086 99 0044 000; 83 086 99 0045 000; 83 086 99 0046 000; 83 086 99 0047 000; 83 086 99 0048 000; 83 086 99 0049 001; 83 086 99 0049 002; 83 086 99 0002 000; 83 086 99 0014 000; 83 086 99 0003 000; 83 086 99 0004 000; 83 086 99 0005 000; 83 086 99 0006 000; 83 086 99 0007 000; 83 086 99 0008 000; 83 086 99 0009 701; 83 086 99 0015 000; 83 086 99 0016 000; 83 086 99 0017 000; 83 086 99 0018 000; 83 086 99 0019 000; 83 086 99 0020 000; 83 086 99 0021 000; 83 086 99 0022 000; 83 086 99 0023 000; 83 086 99 0024 000; 83 086 99 0025 002; 83 086 99 0025 501; 83 086 99 0025 502; 83 086 99 0026 000; 83 086 99 0027 000; 83 086 99 0031 000; 83 086 99 0032 000; 83 086 99 0033 000; 83 086 99 0034 000; 83 086 99 0035 000; 83 086 99 0036 000; 83 086 99 0037 000; 83 086 99 0038 000; 83 086 99 0039 000

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the total costs of such construction in the approximate total construction amount of \$648,814 and has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District to supply the required 20% matching funds for the total project and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, Special Assessment District information and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including 4 PM on the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Cost will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, within the Township commencing at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2015.

At such hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said plans, estimates and costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

Charter Township of Van Buren 46425 Tyler Road Belleville, Michigan 48111

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2015

Treasurer Budd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Excused/Absent: Supervisor Combs (Treasurer Budd announced the Supervisor had been ill for the past few days; that the Board was recently notified that her brother is quite ill; and therefore the Supervisor would be traveling south to be with him and most likely would not be in the rest of the week) Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Knowles, Executive Assistant Clair and an audience of six (6).

Treasurer Budd asked for a motion to appoint a Chair for the meeting. Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to appoint Treasurer Budd as Chair. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Budd requested the addition of item #11 under the consent agenda: approval of the attorney recommendation for settlement of case #13-010175-CH to the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 16, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015; Prepaid List of March 20, 2015; Prepaid List of March 27, 2015; Prepaid List of April 2, 2015 Voucher List of April 7, 2015; Approval of the Personal Leave of Absence request for Firefighter Skotak until October 6, 2015 in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement; Approval of Resolution 2015-08 the Annual Wayne County Special Events Permit; Approval of Resolution 2015-09 the Annual Wayne County Pavement Restoration Permit; Approval of Resolution 2015-10 the Annual Wayne County Maintenance Permit and Approval of the

attorney recommendation for settlement of case #13-010175-CH.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Wright introduced Shaylett Stuckey Van Buren Township resident and winner of the 2015 Mrs. Michigan America contest. Mrs. Stuckey thanked the board for their acknowledgement and highlighted the achievements in her life and focus for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: McClanahan moved, Wright seconded to approve the request by Elro Corporation for an extension of the Planned Residential Development (PRD) Agreement and Final preliminary Plat for the Bedford Cove subdivision for 5 years, to expire on April 9, 2020, and to require a written report from the developer every 2 years.

Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Hart, Miller and McClanahan. Nays: Jahr. Motion Carried. Trustee Jahr expressed that he did not have any problem with the developer however felt the extension period was too long considering the Township PRD ordinance is in the process of being reconsidered.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 03-17-15 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning approximately 1.99 acres of land (Parcels V125-83-018-02-0134-006, -007, -008, -009 and -010) located on the northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and Denton Road from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to approve the job description for the Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development and Personal Services Agreement between the Township and Darryl Fecho and authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2015-13 to defer the review of applications pertaining to Medical Marijuana establishments. Motion Carried. The 6-month moratorium will provide the Township the opportunity to establish a subcommittee to study provisioning center placement, solicit input

from residents and provide a recommendation to the board based on their findings. Board members expressed the desire to actively move forward on developing a plan of action on this topic. Trustee Miller has developed a preliminary timeline and strategic plan that would assure completion of the process within the 6-month timeframe and volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Trustee Hart encouraged Director Knowles to attend the Special Board Meeting Strategic Planning follow-up session on April 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. where further discussion on the matter would occur. McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to approve

Resolution 2015-12 the Declaration of Intent to Establish a Special Assessment District-First Hearing for the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement SAD. The Township was awarded \$750,000 through the Wayne County Roads Initiative for improvements to local county roads. The initiative requires a 20% match. Residents of Dewitt, Jeanette and Venetian circulated petitions and 70% of those within the proposed district supported an assessment. The Township will provide the 20% upfront which would be reimbursed through the assessment district. It was expressed that although the board is keenly aware that the roads are the responsibility of Wayne County they are also aware that the County does not have adequate funding and the initiative allows an opportunity to get the work done that might not otherwise. The Township is also working with Walden Woods on a project however they would not need to establish a special assessment district because they have the required 20% in available funds.

REPORTS: The January 2015 and February 2015 Budgetary Reports were ordered received and filed. Copies are available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced that ballots for the May 5, 2015 Special Election have been mailed. Registered voters who wish to have an absentee ballot may contact the Clerk's office for an application. Applications are also available on the Township website or State of Michigan website. For more information contact the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909; Registered voters who wish to vote in person on election day please note the

following room locations for each precinct: Precinct 1-McBride Middle School- Half Gym, Precinct 3-Township Hall Board Room, Precinct 4-Township Hall Gym, Precinct 5-Tyler Elementary-Gym, Precinct 6 & 7-Belleville High School-Auxiliary Gym, Precinct 8-Haggery School-Gym, Precinct 9-Savage School-Gym and Precinct 10-Owen Intermediate School-Room 2. These room changes were necessary due to schools being in session on Election Day. Treasurer Budd announced that Midwest Energy has begun performing line clearance activities in the community; Yard Waste Pick-up began April 6, 2015 maximum of 30 leaf bags/can maximum curbside weekly; Frog Night at Riggs Park April 17, 2015 6:00-8:00 p.m. this outdoor activity requires pre-registration and is open to all ages \$2.00 per person. Contact recreation at 734-699-8921; September Days Flea Market April 23 and April 24, 2015 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Invited the public to the Distinguished Graduate Hall of Fame and NHS Induction ceremonies at Belleville High School April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; reminded residents that the Van Buren Public Schools upcoming Sinking Fund Millage Renewal will appear on the ballot for the May 5, 2015 Special Election and invited everyone to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Wayne County Senior Citizen Services and Warren C. Evans May 14, 2015 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan. Please R.S.V.P to Fran Gruda 734-727-7373 by May 8, 2015.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Resident expressed that it was a "shame" that people felt afraid to speak out or sign their name to articles in the paper for fear of retaliation when speaking about a few blended rate abusers and that some individuals were not working 33-36 hours straight for civic mindedness but for the money.

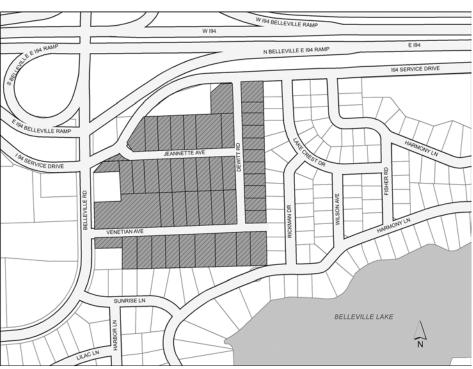
CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion

Respectfully submitted, Leon Wright, Township Clerk Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor Publish: April 16, 2015

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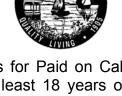
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City of Belleville Public Notice



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The City of Belleville is seeking applications for Paid on Call Firefighter positions. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid Michigan driver's license, pass a criminal background check and live within a certain distance of the city limits. Experienced candidates are preferred, but will train.

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Brian Loranger Fire Chief

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Van Buren Township

Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

0521 - assault & battery, Revere Dr.

0949 - assault & battery, Meadows Ln.

1026 - larceny, Westlake

1037 - larceny, Westlake

1050 - larceny from auto, Westlake

1101 - larceny from auto, Westlake

1151 - larceny from auto, Southport

1230 - private property accident, Oak Ln.

1342 - assault & battery, Maple Dr.

1343 – larceny, Belleville Rd.

1428 - assault & battery, Westlake Cir.

1704 - suspicious vehicle, Hot Spot

1820 - fireworks, Haggerty Rd. 1845 - private property accident, Belleville

2000 - suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2046 - larceny, Beverly Rd.

2049 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

2150 - loitering, Kirkridge Park Dr.

2349 - disturbance, Village Green Ln. Monday, April 6:

0021 - assault & battery, Village Green Ln. 1044 – agency assist, Harbour Pointe Ct.

1105 - harassment call, Parkwood Dr.

1330 - fraud, Denton Rd.

1347 - fraud, Oak Ln.

1728 - harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.

1843 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren Plaza / Perspective

1854 - weapons violation, Alden Ave.

1939 - neighbor trouble, Locust Dr.

1941 - family trouble, Van Buren St.

2051 - noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.

2306 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/I-275

2331 – retail fraud, Belelville

Tuesday, April 7:

0253 - private property accident, Westlake

0622 - disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0836 - breaking & entering motor vehicle, Milton

1130 - fraud, W. Adams

1333 - fraud, Lake Village

1355 - larceny from auto, Milton Dr.

1432 - larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1506 - malicious destruction of property,

Martinsville Rd.

1605 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1632 - disorderly conduct, Ecorse/Haggerty 1743 - juvenile complaint, Holly Ln.

1800 - larceny from auto, Salem Ct.

1808 - retail fraud, Belleville

1852 - juvenile complaint, Holly

1954 - larceny from auto, Cambridge Ct.

2004 - malicious destruction of property, Belleville

2032 - agency assist, Savage Rd.

2223 - suspicious vehicle, Van Buren Park

Wednesday, April 8:

0225 - suspicious vehicle, Bellridge Apartments

0702 - unauthorized driving away of auto, E.

0733 - larceny, Revere Dr.

0731 - malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa

0853 - intimidation threat, Hoeft Rd.

1022 - abandoned auto, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1157 - unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.

1252 - larceny from auto, Ricardo Dr.

1247 - private property accident, Sylvia Dr.

1308 - larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.

1353 - malicious destruction of property, Meadows

1412 - property damage accident, Hannan Rd.

1436 - private property accident, Westlake

1521 - juvenile complaint, Savage/tracks

1641 - personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1649 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

1733 - private property accident, Haggerty Rd.

1813 - assault & battery, Oak Ln.

1913 – pbt alcohol, Haggerty/Tyler

1921 - suspicious person, Tyler School

1952 - operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville

2000 - breaking & entering, Hannan Rd. 2026 - suspicious person, Oak Ln.

2045 - suicide or attempt, Van Buren St.

2224 - fraud, Harbour Pointe Ct.

2150 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.

2255 - suspicious person, Winchester St.

Thursday, April 9:

0105 – assault & battery, Truman Ave.

0146 - private property accident, Beckley Rd. 0209 - operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd.

/ Ecorse Rd.

0256 - suspicious person, W. Archwood

0632 - hospice, Ormond Dr.

0839 - malicious destruction of property, Hamilton 1223 - property damage accident, Hoeft/Bog

1233 - suicide or attempt, Victoria St.

1254 - private property accident, Belleville Rd.

1408 - juvenile complaint, Hardwood Dr.

1451 - mental, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1504 - property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275

1509 - property damage accident, Belleville / French Landing

1835 - suspicious situation, Oak Blvd.

2007 - fire investigation, Denton/Michigan Ave.

2024 - property damage accident, I-94/Haggerty

2029 - intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2032 - suspicious situation, Old Michigan Rd. 2038 - child abuse, Victoria St.

2310 - suspicious situation, Jackson

Friday, April 10:

0009 - noise complaint, Meadows Ct.

0053 - larceny, W. Huron River Dr.

0205 - suspicious person, Belleville Verizon

0248 - suspicious vehicle, Haggerty Center 0252 - assault & battery, Denton Rd.

0807 - abandoned auto, Hoeft Rd.

0919 - property damage accident, Ricardo Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

0928 - property damage accident, N. Service Dr.

1025 - larceny from auto, Sadie Ln.

1113 - property damage accident, Marathon

1116 - fraud, Riggs Rd.

1332 - larceny, Michigan 1341 – agency assist, Maple Dr.

1343 - suicide or attempt, Nautica Dr. 1655 - fraud, Bellridge

1702 - trespassing, Martz Rd.

1733 - neighbor trouble, Sylvia Dr. 2002 - larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.

2005 - assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.

2115 - motorist assist, Huron River/Metro Park 2139 - noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.

2319 - suspicious situation, Haggerty

2323 - suspicious situation, Arthur St. 2332 - noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr. 2336 - ATV/ORV complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. /

Van Boren Rd. Saturday, April 11:

0006 - suspicious vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.

0009 - family trouble, Lindsey Dr.

0020 - noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.

0115 - noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.

0232 - property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

0944 - disorderly conduct, Belleville 1221 - fraud, Lighthouse Dr.

1438 - shots fired, Borgman/Mohawk

1456 - retail fraud Belleville Rd. 1511 - suicide or attempt, Timberview Ct.

1534 - shots fired, Morton Taylor Rd.

1600 - hold-up alarm, Country Ln. 1629 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1716 - property damage accident, EB I-94 west of Haggerty

1842 - shots fired, Southport Apts.

2004 - narcotics crime, Wheeler St.

which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways

 $2231\,$ – operating while intoxicated, Tyler Rd. / Also on this week's log are 182 traffic stops, 57 of

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 5: 0859 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

0936 - animal complaint, Henry St.

1436 - vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.

1712 - assist fire dept., N. Liberty St. 2052 - property damage accident, Main St. / E.

Huron River Dr.

2234 - suspicious vehicle, E. Columbia Ave. Monday, April 6:

0856 - property check, High St. 1806 - intrusion alarm, Loza Ln.

1818 – warrant arrest, Main St. 1845 - family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct. 1920 - suspicious person, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, April 7:

0128 - suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr.

1009 - property damage accident, W. Davis St.

1419 - assist fire dept., Carmell St.

2002 - harassment call, Main St.

2137 - warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil

Wednesday, April 8:

0235 - larceny from auto, N. Liberty St.

1041 - vehicle repossession, Loza Ln.

1043 - vehicle lockout, Secretary of State

1223 - assist fire dept., Church St.

1346 - information, E. Huron River Dr. 1746 - E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia

2242 - property check, N. Liberty St.

Thursday, April 9:

0255 - suspicious person, Johnny's

0908 - suspicious vehicle, N. Edgemont Ave.

1019 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave. 1023 - parking complaint, Third St./N. Liberty

1720 - missing person, W. Wabash Ave.

1911 - property check, car wash Sumpter

1936 - intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd. 2027 - intrusion alarm, South St.

Friday, April 10:

0532 – intrusion alarm, Savage

0556 - assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

0624 - domestic assault, S. Liberty St.

0911 - found property, Main St. 1133 - property damage accident, Belleville

1354 - breaking & entering, Henry St.

1616 - juvenile complaint, First St. 2027 - motorist assist, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd. 2140 - welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, April 11:

0837 - agency assist, Church St. 2043 - indecent exposure, E. Columbia Ave.

2125 - E-911 cellular, Henry St. Also on this week's log are 48 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

0503 – larceny, Pecan St.

0547 - 911 hang up, Pecan St. 0834 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1328 - fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1421 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1504 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1530 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

1823 - 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Wear Rd. 1930 - noise complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

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Monday, April 6: 0445 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willow

0734 - shots fired, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1102 - alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1114 - well-being check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct. 1158 - suspicious person, Judd/Sherwood

1314 - fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd. 1347 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris 1600 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl.

1703 - suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willis Rd. 1911 - suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1955 - suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.

2103 - suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 2351 - suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd. Tuesday, April 7:

0806 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Clark Rd. 0903 – larceny, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd. 1135 - fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1212 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris 1343 - suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sherwood 1349 - larceny, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

1432 - shots fired, Rustic Ln. 1450 - civil dispute, Rustic Ln.

1543 - well-being check, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

2013 - suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct. 2140 - fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos

2304 - suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd. Wednesday, April 8:

1240 - fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd. 1326 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

1330 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1344 - suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 1520 - suspicious person, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

1550 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2015 - civil dispute, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

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Thursday, April 9:

0338 - family trouble, Redwood

0723 - fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd. 1451 - fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1516 - attempt warrant pic up, 49000 bl. Judd Rd

1533 - attempt warrant pick up, 49000 bl. Willis

1538 - attempt warrant pick up, 43000 bl. Clay

1605 - warrant pick up, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

1727 - citizen assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1735 - fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1837 - civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

Friday, April 10: 0726 - alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0831 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd. 1125 - suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.

1315 - animal complaint, Karr/Roy 1446 - civil dispute, Second St.

1631 - breaking & entering report, 13000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1718 - civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1735 - animal complaint, New Mexico

1903 - citizen assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 1932 - animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1945 - alarm, 37000 bl. Judd Rd.

2208 - alarm, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 2251 - property damage accident, 49000 bl. Bemis

2257 - warrant pick up, Greenmeadow Saturday, April 11:

0306 - warrant pick up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 0940 - recovered stolen property, 44000 bl. Judd

1209 - trespassing complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona 1258 - civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

1340 - solicitor complaint, 19000 bl. Clark Rd. 1425 - fire dept. assist, New Mexico 1930 - property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter

2151 - suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 2207 - animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville

2248 - suspicious incident, Sumpter/Judd Also on this week's log are 22 follow-up investigations 25 miscellaneous details, 173 patrol checks, and 41

Former Detroit Tigers to play in charity softball game at BHS May 16

On Saturday, May 16, members of the public are invited to play ball against former members of the Detroit Tigers

A charity softball game to benefit the Van Buren Civic Fund and Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation will be played at Belleville High School. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with the game

Former Detroit Tigers already confirmed to play are Rick Leach (1981-83), Dave Rozema (1977-84), Gary Ignasiak (1973). Scott Lusader (1987-90), and Tom

starting at noon.

Matchick (1967-69).

fast-pitch competition. The home team will be made up of players who make a tax-deductible donation of \$250 to the Van Buren Civic Fund. For more information, call (734) 751-2046 or email vanburencivicfund@gmail.com.

Activities include home run derby and

The purpose of the Civic Fund is said

to assist in reducing the burden upon the Van Buren Township government through financial support for services and capital improvements which benefit the citizens of the township.

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Address

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Age:

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Parents Name

School Activities

Career Ambition

Hobbies

Special Interests

Community Involvement

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Prizes: Queen will receive a \$1000.00 Scholarship, Trophy & Gifts

2nd and 3rd runners up will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship and gifts

Environmental Comm. gets report on dangers of coal tar driveway sealers

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Retired Vanderbilt University Chemistry Professor Dave Wilson gave a report on the dangers of coal tar sealers for driveways and playgrounds at the March 18 meeting of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission.

Dr. Wilson is a member of the VBT commission and he said he recently became aware of the dangers of coal tar based driveway sealers, which carry higher levels of PAH than sealers based on asphalt, latex, acrylic and other substances.

Coal-tar-based sealcoat products, widely used in the central and eastern U.S. on parking lots, driveways, and even playgrounds, are a known human carcinogen that contains about 200 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) compounds.

PAH in coal tar based sealers is 5-10% and in asphalt it is 0-1%, which is much, much less. Also, PAH in runoff is much more in coal tar based than asphalt, he said.

This means the dust can be carried inside homes from the driveway on the bottom of shoes and be a health hazard.

Dr. Wilson said environmental hazards of PAH include lower IQ for children, childhood asthma, and low birth rate. He said years ago there was a disease called "chimney sweep cancer" which chimney sweeps got from the coal tar in the chimneys.

He said children play on the driveways and put their hands in their mouths, the dust is carried into the homes on feet, and it is washed down storm drains into settling ponds. It is very expensive to clean out PAH contaminated ponds, he said.

Dr. Wilson said the states of Washington and Minnesota ban coal tar sealants and Michigan tried but lost in the legislature. The University of Michigan does not use sealants containing coal tar.

He said Lowe's, Sears, Home Depot, Ace Hardware and True Value, among others, carry alternatives to coal tar sealants.

He said coal tar sealant is about \$25 for a five-gallon container. Asphalt is more expensive at \$30.

He said in his research, he found that there is a lot of misinformation put out by those associated with the products.

Dr. Wilson said he is seeking a Resolution from the township trustees, not legislation just now. He would just like them to come out against the use of coal tars. Then people would know to ask about the content of proposed sealants on their property.

He said in a month a brochure on coal tars will be available from Ann Arbor which is considering an ordinance. Dr. Wilson said they could ask the

township and the school district to stop the use of coal tar based sealants. He also would seek an ordinance banning use of coal tar based sealants in the township and forbid contractors to use it. "I think education is important," said

Commission Chairman David Brownlee. "No one thinks about it." He suggested voluntary compliance and education of township residents.

Township Trustee Jeff Jahr, the township board's liaison to the commission, said if Ann Arbor "can do an ordinance, we can do an ordinance."

"This is very alarming," said township Trustee Reggie Miller, who was present for another topic. She suggested someone do a "commercial" for the township's cable channel to explain the issue.

Trustee Jahr suggested Dr. Wilson do his presentation for the board, noting he himself would have no problem introducing a resolution about the township not using coal tar sealant.

Trustee Miller said she would support

Dr. Wilson explained his interest in the subject.

"I stumbled across it at the Huron River Watershed Council," he said. "Coal tar? Of course... Why didn't I think of this decades

"What I like about this little project for our committee is we don't have to raise taxes," Dr. Wilson said.

Brownlee said they need to roll this out to the township board and, "An educated community will make the decisions. They will ask if it's coal tar."

"I did a fair amount of homework on this," Dr. Wilson said, after his detailed PowerPoint presentation was over.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies & Men's Clubs present:

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